One of the reasons for low sales in the Punjabi Academy is that most of the publications of this Academy are distributed free to the schools, colleges, libraries and eminent scholars. 7, 640 copies of their publications were distributed free during this period.

Delhi Administration has informed that there is no propsal to conduct any inquiry or take special measures in regard to the sales figures of publications of the two Academies.

Information relating to the year 1985-86 and 1986-87 in respect of two Academies is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

304. [*Transferred to the 3rd September* 1990].

छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज के जन्म दिवस पर अवकाश

3047. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल :** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज के जन्म दिवस पर सार्वजनिक अवकाश घोषित किए जाने के संबंध में सरकार से कोई मांग की गई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

प्रधान मंत्री और कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्री (श्री विश्वनाथ प्रताप सिंह): (क) छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज के जन्मदिवस पर छुट्टी के लिए अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं।

(ख) नीति के अनुसार राष्ट्रपिता महात्मा गांधी के अतिरिक्त किसी भी राष्ट्रीय नेता का जन्मदिवस नियमित राष्ट्रीय अवकाश के रूप में नहीं मनाया जा रहा है। इसको देखते हुए तथा छुट्टियों की संख्या की सीमितता को देखते हुए, यह प्रस्ताव स्वीकार करना संभव नहीं है।

Stoppage of bonus payment by IRE Limited, Chatupur, Orissa

3048. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPAT-RA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of IRE Limited, Chatupur in Orissa has stopped paying customary bonus from 1987-88 which was being paid to the workers since 1975, regularly; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) OSCOM Unit started commercial production in Oc'ober, 1986. During the construction phase (1975—86) the employees were paid customary bonus. The payment of Bonus **Act** became applicable from the accounting year 1987-88. Under Section 16 of the Payment of Bonus Act a unit has to pay bonus to its employees during the first five years, oily if it makes profit. After first five years minimum bonus is payab'e even if it incurs loss. Since OSCOM incurred losses during the year 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90, the employees **are** not entitled to any bonus for these years.

Life of INSAT ID

3049. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the systems of INSAT-ID are working properly;

(b) what is the expected life of the satellite and its capability, considering the fuel consumption while putting it into position and opening the solar panels; and

(c) whether there would be any additional capacity for TV and Telecommunications, as compared to

•THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) INSAT-1D has a design life of seven years. Presently it is estimated that about 135 kg of propellant is left on-board. There was remarkable success in effecting fuel economy in the various steps for making the satellite finally operational. This leads to a life estimate of approximately 8J years.

(c) INSAT-1D satellite is identical to INSAT-1B and the capacity for TV and Telecommunications is the same as that in INSAT-1B.

Development of INSAT-Ii series of satellites

3050. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress in the development of INSAT-II series of satellites;

(b) whether INSAT-II series will be launched into the orbit by Indian launchers;

(c) if 60, what has been the progress in the development of rockets which would launch INSAT-n series of satellites;

(d) by when the first INSAT-II, eerie$_s$ satellite is likely to go into > orbit;

(e) what is the capacity planned for the first INSAT-II satellite, as compared to INSAT-1B and INSAT-1D; and

(f) whether Government would consider hiring slots from Intelsat to "augment satellite capacity in view of the delay which has occurred due to Various reasons including INSAT-1C failure INSAT-1D delay and further delay in development of INSAT-II?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) The INSAT-II Test Spacecraft design and construction is now in its 65th month. INSAT-II Electrical Thermal model integration has been completed and integrated satellite tests are going on. The Structural Model has also been integrated and all the dynamic tests have been completed successfully. Flight model units fabrication is progressing. Fabrication of Flight Model structure and other sub-systems is underway.

(b) The first two INSAT-II Satellites are scheduled to be launched by Ariane launchers (launch vehicles of Arianespace).

(c) The systems designs of Geo synchronous Satllite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) capable of launching geostationary satellites have been completed. The GSLV-1 launcher capable of launching INSAT class of satell'tes into geostationary orbit is expected to be ready in four years after the approval of the project.

(d) The first of the INSAT-II satellites (INSAT-II A) is scheduled to be launched by end 1991.

(e) Each INSAT-II Satellite has 12 C-band transponders, 6 extended C-band transponders 2 S-band transpon ders, the meteorological payload and a Search & Rescue package as compared to 12 C-band transponders, 2 S-band transponders and meteorological payload in INSAT-1 series.

(f) The Department of Telecommunications has hired two transponders capacity from INTELSAT to augment the INSAT Satellite capacity. Government has also hired 12 C-band transponders from ARABSAT Organisation and these will be available till 30th September 1991.

Public Sector undertakings without regular Chief Executives

3051. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the PIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred